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Some students take a stroll over Canadian Geographic's vinyl floor map depicting "Canada's Energy Mix," which was paid for by the oil-and-gas industry. FACEBOOK

Too young to give a frack?

Energy IQ program. Oil-and-gas lobbyist accused of distributing 'propaganda' in B.C. schools via Canadian Geographic



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Hundreds of Vancouver students, parents and teachers have signed an angry open letter to Canadian Geographic, complaining that the magazine has been sending a giant energy-industry-sponsored educational map and materials to local schools.

So far nine Vancouver schools have requested a copy of the "Canada's Energy Mix" vinyl floor map and a related trunk of materials, which encourage students to engage in exercises such as mapping out pipeline routes.

The "Energy IQ" program was paid for by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), Canada's most influential oil-and-gas lobbyist, and produced by teachers working for Canadian Geographic's educational branch.

"Schools are public places, and therefore should be free of advertisements or promotions of companies, interest groups and other for-profit institutions," reads the letter, written by two Windermere Secondary School students and signed by more than 500 people. "Propaganda has no place in our schools."

One photo on Canadian Geographic's Facebook page shows the map being used by a Grade 3 class in Kitimat, the terminus point of the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline.

Canadian Geographic content creation vice-president Gilles Gagnier said the program focuses only on the facts about Canada's energy resources.

"CAPP is funding the project, but Canadian Geographic has 100 per cent editorial control over all content and would never do a program of any kind with anyone where we didn't," he said.

A secondary-school district principal told Metro it's fairly common for sponsored materials to be used in high schools to spark critical thinking.

But David Livingstone Elementary principal Bridgette Browning suggested Grade 3 is "a bit young" for teachers to be using such materials, and trying to explain to students the nuances of perspective.

"I would say Grade 6 (would be the appropriate point) to be able to critically discuss and look at perspective.... Little ones tend to be much more linear in their thinking."

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Millions of dollars worth of cocaine, cash seized by cops

Busted. Officer says he can't recall in his 30 years of policing 'a bigger seizure than this one'

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Millions of dollars worth of cocaine and hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash were seized Nov. 9 after Vancouver police raided an apartment on the 1100 block of Quebec Street.

Inside, police found several safes. After cracking them, cops open found the cash and 54 kilograms worth of plastic- and bubble-wrapped cocaine packages.

Supt. Mike Porteous believes the dealers were supplying the Downtown Eastside and that this seizure will be a significant disruption to the distribution of cocaine in that area.

"In my 30 years of policing, I don't recall a bigger seizure than this one by Vancouver police," he said.

Cops first entered the apartment at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 after arresting two men in their 30s, believed to be in possession of



Millions of dollars worth of cocaine and hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash were seized by police on Nov. 9 from an apartment on the 1100 block of Quebec Street. SAM SMITH/FOR METRO

cocaine, who were seen entering and leaving the building.

The apartment was unoccupied. After police received a search warrant Saturday morning, they were

able to seize the money and drugs from the safes.

No charges have been laid yet as police are still documenting evidence.

Minster seeks help from conflict commissioner



Pat Pimm THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

British Columbia's agriculture minister is seeking guidance from the province's conflict-of-interest commissioner on the thorny issue of his lobbying of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), says Premier Christy Clark.

Clark said Tuesday that Pat Pimm has written to Conflict Commissioner Paul Fraser and asked him to provide advice to all B.C. MLAs about situations in which their duties

collide with the independent commission that protects farmland.

"I understand that the ALC is absolutely an independent body," she said. "Its independence must be respected. At the same time, MLAs must be able to bring forward concerns and issues on behalf of their constituents, as Mr. Pimm did."

Clark did not respond to questions about whether

Pimm should step down from cabinet while the issue is being reviewed.

Fraser confirmed he has received a letter from Pimm.

"I have agreed to look into the matter and render an opinion to him," Fraser said in a brief interview.

Last August, the land commission blasted Pimm's efforts on behalf of a local constituent in Fort St. John to have land removed from the

agricultural reserve to build rodeo grounds and a campsite.

Pimm wrote to the commission to express his concern about their decision to reject the application. He also had his ministerial assistant contact the commission about the file. Cabinet documents leaked to the Globe and Mail suggest Pimm also proposed sweeping changes to the ALC. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Butt bins. City rolls out pilot project to filter out used smokes from streets

Vancouver's new cigarette recycling program — the first of its kind in the world — is a breath of fresh air.

"I cannot tell you how many times I hear from people about the problem of litter on our streets — especially cigarette butts," Vancouver Coun. Andrea Reimer said at a news conference announcing the 110 recycling receptacles as part of a pilot project.

When people place cigarettes in the so-called "butt bins," recycling company TerraCycle deconstructs them into organic parts for compost and cellulose acetate, a plastic used in industrial products.

Vancouverites were impressed by the pilot program.

"I always put (butts) in the garbage — I try to be respectful," said resident Sherri. "I think these are very productive



A man disposes of his cigarette in a "butt bin," one of 110 adorning Vancouver's streets as of Tuesday.
EMILY JACKSON/METRO

things."

The only irritated folks seemed to be those who pick up cigarette butts to roll their own smokes — though, TerraCycle noted they can do that first and deposit the filter afterward. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Surrey. Police recover car tied to hit-and-run of wheelchair-bound man

The vehicle that struck 19-year-old Jonathan Forero — a Surrey man who suffers from a brittle bone condition — tossing him off his wheelchair and causing significant damage to his body has been recovered by police.

"Thanks to a tip received from an observant member of the public who recalled the vehicle's description from a news broadcast, investigators have recovered a purple 2000 Honda Civic they believe to be involved in this incident," said Cpl. Bert Paquet in a media release on Tuesday.

Forero was in his motorized wheelchair heading west-

bound on the north side of 95A Avenue with his girlfriend when the driver smashed into him from behind. The driver then took off west on 132nd Street.

Forero is still in hospital with numerous injuries, including a broken clavicle and several lower body fractures.

RCMP are still investigating the incident in order to confirm the driver of the vehicle. Anyone with further information is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Roommates Addison Boyer, 26, and Hiran Perera, 28, stand in front of their home near Commercial-Broadway. They just got tenant insurance from Square One after initially being rejected by more than 30 companies. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

31st time's the charm for insurance seekers

Back to Square One. Local company grants roommates policy — and rethinks its own roommate policy



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Last week, young professional Hiran Perera couldn't get tenant insurance unless he paid an exorbitantly high rate because he lived with three unrelated people. But this week, after 30 companies

rejected them for being "too risky," Perera and his roommates can relax after a local company decided to insure them.

Square One granted the roommates a policy for about \$30 a month — about 10 times cheaper than initial estimates — after seeing Metro's story, the company's president Daniel Mirkovic said Tuesday.

"It made us question why do we limit this to three roommates? Where did three come from? Everyone just limits it to three roommates so we did," Mirkovic said. "We thought, OK, this doesn't

make sense."

Not only did the company insure these roommates, but it's also working on a comprehensive policy for roommates that it expects to launch in 2014, Mirkovic said.

"Particularly with the price of real estate, more people are going down the path of having roommates," he said. "This kind of really jumped out at us as one of the old-school ways of thinking that doesn't necessarily make sense today."

Since there tends to be a higher risk of things "mysteriously disappearing" when people live with un-

related parties, the roommate policies will have a higher deductible for theft.

Each policy will also be tailored to roommates' specific situations — for instance, a house of frat boys could expect a higher rate than a condo of doctors. The company will also look into policies in case just one of four people wants tenant insurance.

As for Perera, he "can't tell you how nice it is" to have the insurance sorted. With more than 50 per cent of Vancouverites renting, he hopes more of them will be able to get insurance with this new policy.



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Underage victims not sex 'workers,' expert says

Media mistakes.

Study suggests focus shift to perpetrators

Print-media editors and reporters are reinforcing stereotypes of underage victims of commercial sexual exploitation by too often referring to them as engaging in "work," rather than as victims, according to a new study by a UBC researcher.

Nursing professor and former journalist Elizabeth Saewyc, who specializes in adolescent health issues, and a team of about 10 researchers, spent four years sifting through 835 articles published over 20 years.

The articles all referenced acts of criminal commercial sexual exploitation, defined as plying or coercing juveniles with money, food, transportation, drugs, housing, or other goods and services to get them to engage in sexual acts.

Saewyc's study, which was recently published in the Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality, found that print stories rarely focus on perpetrators, and often portray images of only teen girls being pimped, even though surveys show boys and girls are equally like-

ly to be commercially sexually exploited.

"There was a story in the Globe and Mail in 2007 called 'Hundreds of young girls work Winnipeg's sex trade,'" Saewyc said, offering one example of the issue.

"Talking about it as a profession, as a business, as an industry, as work, the problem with that is that in some places that actually implies to people that the (youths) are actually choosing to do this, and it takes away some of the emphasis on the people who are purchasing and who are therefore abusing the youth.

"It's sort of like if we were writing about the sexual abuse of children and youth by teachers or coaches or parish priests as 'relationships' as opposed to abuse."

She urged news media to stop referring to children and teens as being involved in a "trade" and to put more focus on pimps and predators.

She acknowledged that some older teens might engage in sex work or the sex trade "willingly" in some sense, but until they have reached the age of consent — 18 or 19, depending on the province or territory — the media should refer to them as victims. **KATE WEBB/METRO**



Car smashes into Richmond 7-Eleven

An employee at a Richmond 7-Eleven is in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after a car smashed through the brick wall of the store Tuesday morning. The car launched into the building at Blundell and No. 3 Road after the driver allegedly lost control and hit a rubber curb in the parking lot, according to RCMP. Three employees were inside, but only one was taken to hospital. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle. **COURTESY RCMP**

Inquest: Man approved for firearm despite troubled history

In February 2012, Angus Mitchell's rifle was seized because he walked into a Vancouver Island doctor's office carrying the weapon.

The rifle was returned and a month later Mitchell used it to kill a man and woman and seriously injure his landlord, coroner's lawyer Rodrick MacKenzie told a B.C. inquest.

Days after the shootings, and hours after police issued a public warning about Mitchell, they confronted the

26-year-old in a wooded area of Maple Ridge and shot him dead.

The inquest heard that Mitchell was granted a firearms licence even though a background check showed that there had been previous police complaints lodged against him for uttering threats, being involved in a verbal altercation and in a confrontation at a rooming house.

Terry Hamilton, chief fire-

arms officer for B.C. and the Yukon, testified on Tuesday that since Mitchell was never charged, her office approved his licence application. "Bad temper is not sufficient grounds to deny somebody a firearms license," she told the jury.

After Mitchell's gun was seized, a Victoria police constable investigating the matter emailed the firearms officer in charge of Mitchell's case, citing some concerns.

The email, according to lawyer Kevin Woodall, who is representing Const. Lane Douglas-Hunt, revealed that Mitchell had recently terminated his lease, and that he had written a disturbing note to his landlord earlier in the year.

Douglas-Hunt later told the inquest the landlord told her that Mitchell is "a weird guy, he's not very nice, he's anti-social and he's got some mental issues." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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'Anonymous' condoms cause uproar at Calgary university

'Anonymously get inside.' What creators say was an 'innocent joke' called 'borderline rape paraphernalia' by student newspaper



JEREMY NOLAÏS
Metro in Calgary

Students at Calgary's Mount Royal University have come under intense scrutiny after planning to distribute up to 1,000 condoms with the message "Anonymously get inside" on them.

Those most bothered by the initiative, steered by administrators with the MRU Confessions Facebook page, are alleging it "promotes rape culture" and are demanding an apology.

While the moderators of the page said Tuesday they intend to solicit a new slogan from one of nearly 7,000 followers of their Facebook page, they maintained the condoms were meant as an "innocent joke."

"We weren't made aware of the gravity of it until people started mentioning it to us publicly.... I'll say that, on our part, maybe we should have thought it through," said one man, who identified himself as "Admin2."

Tensions at Mount Royal's campus came to a head after an opinion piece was published by staff with the student newspaper, The Reflector, which deemed the condoms "borderline rape paraphernalia."

The Facebook page's administrators dismissed those claims as "absurd," and said the slogan was a play on an event called "Masked Anonymous" they hosted for Mount Royal students in October.



The controversial slogan on these condoms has come under intense criticism from peers and faculty at Calgary's Mount Royal University. FACEBOOK

Laval, Que. Three girls suffer minor injuries after car crashes into daycare

Three young girls escaped with minor injuries Tuesday after a car smashed through the plate-glass window of the daycare centre they attended.

The children were rushed to hospital for treatment along with the driver of the car, an 80-year-old woman who suffered shock and minor injuries to her back, said Const. Franco Di Genova.

The three girls were aged three, four and five years old and were not seriously injured, Di Genova said, adding one of them had been released from hospital and

another was expected to be sent home by the end of the afternoon.

One little girl was either hit by the vehicle or flying debris and suffered wounds to her face, said Di Genova. She was expected to be released from hospital on Wednesday.

A doctor at Montreal's Ste-Justine Hospital said she is stable and that the injuries could have been much worse.

"We're pleased the injuries are not as serious as we could imagine given the situation," said Dr. Antonio D'Angelo.

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford still holding his head up

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford holds a bobblehead doll of himself at Toronto's city hall on Tuesday. Hundreds lined up to be the first to own the doll, the proceeds of which go to charity. The \$20 bobbleheads were restricted to one per person, and with only 1,000 made, they quickly sold out. Meanwhile, despite intense pressure on him to step down, his brother Coun. Doug Ford insisted he would not, saying, "He has to keep busy." FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Philippines aid efforts pick up, but massive needs still unmet

Tacloban. The city of 220,000 bore the full force of the winds and the tsunami-like storm surges Friday

Relief operations in this typhoon-devastated region of the Philippines picked up pace Wednesday, but the minimal amounts of water, food and medical supplies reaching the hardest-hit areas were causing increasingly desperate survivors to take matters into their own hands.

In the first reported deaths as a result of looting, eight people were crushed to death when a wall collapsed as they and thousands of others stormed a rice warehouse on Leyte Island, the worst-hit region by Friday's storm, said National Food

Authority spokesman Rex Estoperez.

The looters in Alangalang municipality Tuesday carted away up to 100,000 sacks of rice, he said.

Since the storm, people have broken into homes, malls and garages, where they have stripped the shelves of food, water and other goods. Authorities have struggled to stop the looting. There have been unconfirmed reports of armed gangs involved in some instances.

The incident shows the urgency in getting food and water distributed to the disaster zone.

Aviation authorities said two more airports in the region had reopened, allowing for more aid flights.

Tacloban city was almost completely destroyed in Friday's typhoon and has become the main relief hub.

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Philippine military personnel try to prioritize children and women first as people wait for evacuation flights in Tacloban, central Philippines, Tuesday. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The aftermath

Most of Tacloban is in ruins, a tangled mess of destroyed houses, cars and trees. Malls, garages and shops have all been stripped of food and water by hungry residents.

- 8 crushed to death when thousands looted government rice warehouse.
- 1,883 confirmed dead.
- At least 2,487 people hurt.
- 11 million people affected by storm, UN humanitarian affairs estimates.
- No reports so far of Canadian deaths or injuries.

Disaster relief

Canadian military team reaches the Philippines

A Canadian reconnaissance team landed Tuesday in the Philippines for talks with local officials on how best to provide military help to the Southeast Asian country in the wake of last week's vicious typhoon.

But Canada's larger military Disaster Assistance Response Team, which deployed for the Philippines

on Monday, is currently in Hawaii, waiting for specifics on how and where it can help.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson said the DART will be available "at a moment's notice" once the Canadian advance team has provided its assessment.

The advance team includes 17 Canadian Forces personnel and about a dozen civilians, mainly from Foreign Affairs, the minister added. They arrived Tuesday morning in the capital, Manila.

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Mexico City

Gunmen kill deported Montreal man

Mexican authorities said Monday that they are investigating the shooting death of an Italian man linked to organized crime in Montreal who was killed inside a restaurant in the resort city of Acapulco.

Guerrero state prosecutors said witnesses told investigators the man was sitting at a table Sunday night inside an Italian

restaurant on Acapulco's main tourist thoroughfare when two men approached him, one of whom pulled out a gun and shot him in the back and head.

Prosecutors said in a statement released Monday that they have contacted the Italian Embassy in Mexico City to send the body back to Italy.

The Mexican media identified the man as 68-year-old Moreno Gallo, who served time in Canada and was ultimately deported in January 2012 for his links to organized crime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lesbians targeted

5 women jailed under Senegal's anti-gay law

Senegalese police detained five women accused of violating the country's anti-gay law, highlighting increased pressure on suspected lesbians in the deeply conservative West African nation, an activist group said Tuesday.

The five women were detained early Monday morning during a birthday party at a restaurant in

Dakar's Yoff district that has been described in the Senegalese press as a meeting point for gay men and lesbians, said Ndeye Kebe, president of the activist group Women's Smile.

The oldest of the suspects, 31-year-old Sene Dieng, is an assistant director at Women's Smile, the only group in Senegal to advocate for lesbians' rights. The five women were expected to appear in court Tuesday, though Kebe said they had been unable to afford a lawyer.

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Organic farmers
concerned about
new GE apple

The Society for a GE-Free BC and the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network are worried a new genetically engineered apple that doesn't brown will lead to GE contamination in other crops if introduced in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Security. Study says clear
policies needed for drones

A groundbreaking research report on drones urges government to create policies about the sort of personal information flying drones are allowed to collect before Canadian police and others begin using them on a large scale.

It says unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, can offer potentially significant cost savings

for police and could be useful for responding to emergencies or performing mundane chores.

However, the "potential for intrusive and massive surveillance" means public discussion is needed to reassure Canadians they will not be arbitrarily spied on.

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A young man attempted to extort nude photographs of women, including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hacker spied on
Miss Teen USA

Cybercrime. 19-year-old secretly photographed beauty queen and other young women with their own webcams

Threats

"Your dream of being a model will be transformed into a porn star."

Jared James Abrahams to Cassidy Wolf, according to an FBI affidavit.

A computer-science student pleaded guilty Tuesday in Santa Ana, Calif., to hacking into the computers of at least a dozen women, including Miss Teen USA Cassidy Wolf.

"I hacked several girls' computers and, using their webcams, took photos of them when they weren't aware," Jared James Abrahams said in

court.

Abrahams faces up to 11 years in prison and fines of up to \$1 million.

Court records say he sent the women anonymous emails telling them he had downloaded nude photos of them. He told them he would publish the images on social

media sites if they didn't send him additional pictures or undress for him. At least two of his victims gave in to his demands.

In Wolf's case, Abrahams was able to take nude photos of her without her knowledge, authorities said. He posted a naked photo of Wolf online after she didn't respond to him.

Abrahams told the judge he has autism and has been under treatment for the past 10 years. He said he was on three medications Tuesday, but he said they wouldn't affect his ability to enter a guilty plea. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Artist explains bizarre Moscow protest

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Metro World News in Moscow

The performance artist who was arrested after stripping naked and nailing his scrotum to the cobblestones of Red Square has been released. Pyotr Pavlensky, 29, drove a nail through his genitals on Sunday while sitting on Russia's most famous square be-

fore police took him to the hospital and then to custody. A court dismissed charges of "petty hooliganism" and released him Monday. Metro spoke with Pavlensky to find out how he managed to perform his stunt.

Q: How did you pull this stunt before they could stop you?

A: I understood that there is surveillance everywhere. But

I had an advantage because every other illegal protest on Red Square has people waving flags and is very visible. The police can react on such things.

Q: What was the message behind your performance?

A: I heard that when conditions are bad in prison, convicts drive nails into their bodies. To this I added an act of humility be-

fore my country. What I mean is that people find what is excessive, on what nails them but they do nothing. It makes them feel helpless.

Q: Did you speak with doctors about the possible consequences of such performance?

A: I didn't notice any consequences to my health. You know, I didn't try to nail my

eye! When I was nailing my testicles I wasn't scared at all, but when I was preparing (for the stunt), I was. All the fears and phobias doubled up.

Q: How did you prepare?

A: I thought about my clothes. And I tried to undress quickly. I had to be sure that I could take off my clothes in 40 seconds. Otherwise, the stunt could fail.

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- In 2012, the artist sewed his mouth shut with a coarse thread in support of Pussy Riot.
- In May this year, in a demonstration called "Carcass," Pavlensky wrapped his naked body in a "cocoon" of barbed wire until he was freed with wire clippers.

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No riding the art, please

Workers uncrate a pendulum sculpture near Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., prior to it being reinstalled Tuesday. It was removed in September due to safety concerns as the cable had begun to fray as students used it to mimic a Miley Cyrus video.

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Was she playing Miley? Spanish woman sues piano-playing neighbour

To most people, noise pollution is a jet engine roaring over their head. For one Spanish woman, it was a neighbour practising piano.

The woman has taken her neighbours in the apartment below — a 27-year-old pianist and her parents — to court. Now prosecutors want to send all three to jail for over seven years on charges of psychological damage and noise pollution.

Neighbours often complain about street and bar noise in Spain, but prosecutors seeking jail time for someone playing

the piano is unheard of — especially since that musician is now a professional concert pianist.

At the trial in the northeastern city of Girona, Sonia Bosom claimed she suffered noise pollution from 2003 to 2007 due to the five-days-a-week, eight-hour practice sessions of Laia Martin.

Martin, 27, denies that she played at home that often.

On Monday, the El Pais newspaper reported that Bosom told the court she now hates pianos so much she can't even stand to see them in a film.

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Death of cable TV? Amazon follows lead of Netflix, Hulu with original shows

There's a new kid on the block at Culver Studios.

Inside a towering soundstage, just around the corner from where such television comedies as TBS's *Cougar Town* and Showtime's *Episodes* have been filmed, another production is in full swing. A set depicting a high-tech, two-storey office is hosting a boozy party scene for *Betas*, a comedy about a quirky crew of app creators in Silicon Valley.

But unlike its neighbouring productions, the new series will likely never air on TVs. In-

stead, it will stream on them, in addition to many other devices. *Betas* is one of the first original series from Amazon, the online retail giant who's taking a cue from Netflix and Hulu by producing its own shows that will only be available on Amazon Instant Video, a content service for paying members.

Amazon's move into content creation is another click in the evolution of online video, legitimized earlier this year by the success of *House of Cards*, from online streaming service Netflix. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Amazon is hoping the stars of its new show, *Betas*, will help lure subscribers to its burgeoning streaming service. AMAZON STUDIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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That's the goal of researchers at Purdue University's International Center for Biometrics Research.

Stephen Elliott is the director of international biometric research at Purdue University in Indiana.

He says iris and fingerprint scans as well as facial and voice recognition improve security.

Biometrics is already in use at one local restaurant. At a KFC in West Lafayette, Ind., workers punch in by putting their finger on a fingerprint scanner attached to their cash register.

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Help really wanted

A good nanny is hard to find

Although it seems there's no shortage of help-wanted and job-seeker postings for temporary workers online, some say finding a temporary worker is harder than some might think.

Melissa Namer, a Moose Jaw resident trying to find a child-care provider to look after her kids while she returns to school, said she's had no luck finding a temporary worker.

"I've had that ad up for about a month and I've had no successful people (apply)," she said in a phone interview.

"It's mostly teenagers and young kids who just want to make a few bucks, while I'm looking for someone to look after my kids while I'm in school."

She said while there has been some response, those applying have been under-qualified or unwilling to commit.

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Jq Frost, the star of Supernanny
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Temp Stumbles Upon a Shootout

"Get back!" A policeman standing in front of the yellow-taped off parking lot barked at us to move. We saw police snipers on the roof.

Sarah No. 3 was close by and we asked what was happening.

"Kevin Taylor is bunkered inside the remains of the warehouse."

"And...?"

"He says he's going to kill himself."

"Oh God. Any hostages?"

"They don't think so."

Talk about drama. Just then, the Shoeman and his father, Xu Senior, pulled up across the street and came over. We filled them in. Xu Senior went in pursuit of more info while, as per our agreement, Shoeman pretended to speak English as though he'd been taught in Peoples' Glorious Education Facility Number 43,607: "This episode with gun create many unglorious feng shui problems. May jeopardize once benevolent deal to buy company."

The Sarahs both saw their buyout stake evaporating, panicked, and went to hunt for Mel from Payroll.

Shoeman reached into a Whole Foods paper bag for snacks. Once the Sarahs were out of earshot I asked him what he was eating.

"Two hundred bucks worth of raw unfarmed British Columbia salmon. Nothing like it

for marathon training. Want some?"

"Ick, no thanks. Would a shooting really kill the sale of the company?"

"My dad's totally old school. He can't buy a building someone's died in. A standoff like this could be just as bad. I could care less, but I think we have to fly back to China tonight and discuss this with the family."

"Really?"

"Yup. Which also upsets my training schedule, because yesterday I found this perfect running track nearby — an elementary school they closed because of tax cuts. The soft unmown grass is perfect on my feet."

I grew worried... "What about ...what about our secret plan?"

He winked at me. "One day at a time, Shannon. By the way, I was guest at a poker night and I found out what they make at the defense contractor next door there."

It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides.



"What?"
"In-dash beverage caddies for drones."

"My sister would love that — hey wait — drones are unmanned!"

"Gotcha."

Then shots rang out. Holy crap! We ran and ducked behind a pickup. It was like in the movies: guys in black running across the roof, with more guys closing in from all sides. I was really frightened Kevin would get killed. He's a nice guy but life simply hasn't been too kind to him lately.

There was some silence and then we heard squeaking wheels, like a child's toy wagon. A moving dolly rolled out of the open double-wide doors of the ware-

Random fact of the day

Some people just can't cope in a sticky situation.

- Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

SOURCE: ASK.COM



house. Duct-taped on top of it was a poorly-made effigy of Kevin from the waist up. It was holding a broomstick as a rifle and was shot through with bullets.

"Uh oh." **TO BE CONTINUED...**

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BALONEY IS AS BALONEY DOES

The Internet has changed everything, from shopping to sex.

It's even changed cheating. There's a web site based in Toronto called Ashley Madison that caters to consenting married people looking for an affair.

And it makes no bones about it: "Life is short. Have an affair" is the tag line.

The site contends that there are zillions of other like-minded cheaters just like you looking for a dangerous liaison. But one woman says many of the adventurous females on the site are fake profiles.

And she should know. She wrote 'em.

Someone named Dorian Silva claims she wrote 1,000 fake profiles in three weeks, so many that she came down with severe carpal tunnel syndrome, and is now suing the website for \$20 million US for damages.

There's no honour among cheats, apparently.

Ashley Madison is owned by Toronto businessman Noel Bi-



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derman, who is worth \$100 million US according to CelebrityNetWorth.com, mainly on the strength of AshleyMadison.com. There is no actual Ashley Madison, but that hasn't stopped over 17 million people from trying to hook up with her.

Biderman told Barbara Walters on The View that the reason the site is so popular is that it focuses on the needs of adult female cheetahs — and nothing attracts a male of the species more than a female of the same species.

So it's important that AshleyMadison.etc is fully stocked with attractive adult female cheetahs, even if they allegedly have to make up so many fakes that the profilers sustain \$20-million injuries.

Faced with Ms. Silva's not-so-shocking revelation, AshleyMadison.etc is crying foul, contending that it's "100 per cent authentic" and the company "won't give in to extortion." It also sent Business Insider pics of Dorian, taken from her Facebook

page, riding a jet ski and playing the bongos, all taken since she retired in alleged pain from writing fake profiles.

You have to wonder about someone who sues her employer for damage to her wrists, then turns around and posts photos of herself engaging in activities that require healthy wrists. Obviously, all those fake profiles damaged more than her wrists. It spread to her brain.

There's a lesson in all of this. In fact, probably more than one. Let's try to sort them out.

For example, it's possible to make \$100 million out of nothing. (Oh, and Noel Biderman is happily married and 100 per cent faithful to his wife. Do as I say ...)

Or if that profile "WillingToBeWhateverYouWant-MeToBe365" sounds too good to be true, it is.

Or Dorian? Why didn't you listen to your lawyer when he told you not to go on Facebook with the bongos?

Or you still don't understand that the Internet is hazardous to your health, and not just your wrists? Tried bird watching?

Or how about: It's still the same old story, the fundamental things apply: Baloney's still baloney, as time goes by.

ZOOM

Up in smoke, so no smoking up



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Seized Afghan narcotics burned

More than 20 tonnes of drugs and thousands of bottles of alcohol were burned by Afghan authorities in their fight against the narcotics trade amid a fresh surge in opium cultivation.

Government officials, ambassadors and military commanders gathered on a mountainside outside Kabul to burn the drugs, which were seized from smugglers in recent months. **METRO**

Narcotics burned

400

kg of heroin

1,200

kg of morphine

2,000

kg of opium

10,000

kg of hashish

Afghan opium

- Afghanistan produces more than 90 per cent of the world's opium, the key ingredient of heroin.
- One kilo of dry opium sells at \$160 to \$200. In contrast, a kilo of wheat pays only 41 cents.
- Since 2001, the U.S. has spent \$6.3 billion to curb the Afghan opium industry.

Government's view

"This event shows our increased capabilities fighting drugs."

Baz Mohammad Ahmadi, Afghan deputy interior minister for counter-narcotic programs

Ahmadi said the drugs were seized over the past 10 months in and around Kabul.

Mohammad Ibrahim Azhar, the deputy counter-narcotics minister, said that opium cultivation had increased this year, but refused to provide details to reporters before the official launch of the upcoming 2013 drugs report.

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From stop-motion to time-lapse to hyper-lapse, there are all sorts of fancy ways to have fun with photos and bring your stills to life. It used to take thousands of dollars of gear, hours of editing and the patience of a saint to pull off those sorts of photographic feats. But the creative folks over at Teehan+Lax labs are bringing hyper-lapse to the people. Using Google Street View, you can instantly create hyper-lapses of just about anywhere the Google cars have travelled. Once you're done mapping your own hometown, take a look at some world-class cities.

Berlin hyper-lapse:

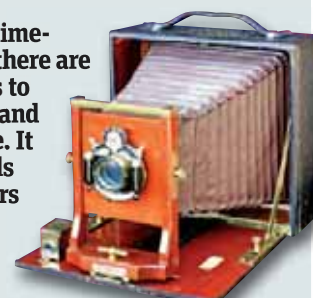
Credited as the vanguard of the hyper-lapse scene, Shahab Gabriel Behzumi's hyper-lapse of Berlin is said to have popularized the technique.

Welcome to London:

This hyper-lapse film made by Mattia Bicchi Photography shows London's skyline from Canary Wharf to Tower Bridge over a period of three years.

Paris 2013:

Filmed in April, this hyper-lapse takes you through the streets of Paris from day to night.



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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Metro's Jessica Napier says it's immature to stalk exes on Facebook and watch *Pretty Little Liars*. What do you think is inappropriate for a late-20-something?

@FraserAust: Excessive sleeping around, and at the same time trying

to shame guys into marrying.

@Canucklehead_ca: Try to stay clear of crack pipes. (Drunken stupor or not.)

@BuckyHermit: Or Twitter. Ahem.

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The familiar tale of friends and frenemies intertwined

New movie. The Best Man Holiday follows a traditional formula of rivalries and rekindled romances that are all wrapped up in a reunion



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The Return of the Secaucus Seven sees a group of college friends come together 10 years after they were arrested on the way to a 1970 peace protest in Washington D.C.

In the 1979 film they reminisce about the good old days, flirt and establish the basic theme of all reunion movies: "What's a little reunion without a little drama?"

This weekend Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan, Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut are part of a core group of college friends who put that theory to the test in The Best Man Holiday. As IMDB says, expect "long-forgotten rivalries and romances to be ignited."

The idea of seeing old friends and frenemies after a long break offers loads of opportunities for drama and comedy.

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion played their high school 10th anniversary get together for laughs. The pair of friends big up their



The Best Man Holiday opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

One more

More somber is Young Adult, a Charlize Theron dramedy about Mavis Grey (Theron), a ghostwriter of novels for teens who accepts an invite for a baby shower from her high school ex-boyfriend, hoping that he will fall back

in love with her during their reunion.

- **Quote on Young Adult.** "Sometimes in order to heal," Charlize Theron says, "A few people have to get hurt."

post Grade 12 adventures in an effort to intimidate their old friends.

"Well, I thought the whole point of going to the reunion was to impress people," says

Michele (Lisa Kudrow). "I mean, how am I gonna impress anybody by selling ban-lon smocks at Bargain Mart."

National Lampoon's Class Reunion takes a different

comedic approach to the subject.

Mixing murder with nostalgia, it's the story of Walter Baylor (Blackie Dammett, father of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' singer Anthony Kiedis), an unhinged nerd seeking revenge during his 10th high school reunion as payback for a mean prank played on him during senior year.

"One more move and she gets a hole where she doesn't need one," says Walter.

Grosse Pointe Blank takes a more wistful approach to post school socials. John

Cusack plays a mysterious graduate who has a life changing epiphany 10 years after graduation.

"You know," he says, "when you started getting invited to your 10-year high school reunion, time is catching up."

Complicating matters is his job. He's a hit man.

"What am I gonna say? 'I killed the president of Paraguay with a fork. How've you been?'"

He's hired to bump off the father of his high school girlfriend for whom he still has feelings.

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Julia Roberts

Julia's not gonna read your #hate

Don't expect Julia Roberts to join Twitter anytime soon. "It's kind of like cotton candy," she says of social media in an interview with Marie Claire. "It looks so appealing and you just can't resist getting in there, and then you just end up with sticky fingers and it lasted an instant." Actually, Roberts seems to stay away from the Internet in general as much as possible, making a point of not Googling herself or reading comments on articles about her. "I have too much potential for collapse. There's an anonymity that makes people feel safe to participate in hatefulness," she explains. "I like a good old-fashioned fistfight if people are pissed off at each other."

The Word

Stickers? Suckers? A tablecloth run amok?

Look. I am solidly in the Jennifer Lawrence Can Do No Wrong camp. She could wear a coonskin cap and shoes made out of coconut husks and I'd be like, "Brava!" But the critics don't feel the way I do about JLaw — they are after the actress big time about the Christian Dior dress she wore to the U.K. premiere of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* on Monday in London. "It honestly looks like someone crushed a bunch of multi-coloured suckers and stuck them onto the bottom half of this dress," opined one blogger. And in a post titled, *Catching Fire Premiere Or A Project Runway Fashion*



Show (*You Make The Call*), Dlistad asked, "How can you explain wearing Sandra Lee's best tablecloth (she needs it back for her *Glitzzy Glamour* Christmas tablecape) to a movie premiere?"

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Many devout Catholics and spirited hikers make the popular 500-mile trek in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, the final resting place of St James. Fast food icons have inspired equally lengthy quests with their faithful lured by righteous burgers, Japanese hot dogs, and crunchy habit-forming Korean chicken wings.

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Umami Burger

There's sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and then there's umami. The fifth dimension of taste is a subtle yet savory yumminess known to inspire hour-long lines. This now bicoastal, but still California centric, artisanal burger emporium has a dozen meaty options at each location but you can never go wrong with a standard Umami burger topped with roasted tomato, shiitake mushrooms, caramelized onions and a parmesan crisp.

Where to satisfy the craving: Palo Alto's location has a library theme, drawing bookish decor cues from close by Stanford University. Do some high tech networking in Silicon Valley and then grab a hold of one of Umami's high-concept burgers by its lightly toasted soft Portuguese buns.

In-N-Out Burger

Even if you've never had the pleasure of acquainting your taste buds with the burger bliss that has created a food revolution, you're probably familiar with their not-so-secret menu. Additions to the sparse menu board include the 4 X 4 (a quad-decker) and Protein Style (bun-less lettuce wrap).

Where to satisfy the craving: While the chain is spreading eastward, the L.A. area remains In-N-Out central.

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Fast food meccas in North America

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White Castle

Slider nirvana White Castle, the beefy grail at the end of the first Harold & Kumar movie, is a cathedral of aromatic mini-burgers where a group gorge on a 20-burger order isn't anything to bat a lash at. While they have a formidable presence in the Northeast, their steam-grilled stronghold is in the Midwest. The drawbridge was lowered on the first White Castle in Wichita in 1921.

Where to satisfy the craving: Kansas hasn't had any locations for years but there are a ton in Missouri, so hit St. Louis, scope out the gateway arch and treat yourself to at least a half-dozen of the itty-bitty burger beauties.

Japadog

Spearheading a Japanese-style franks invasion, Vancouver-based Japadogs dresses up all beef dogs, brats and kurobuta (the "kobe beef of pork") with snazzy toppings. Their Terimayo dog, garnished with teriyaki, mayo and seaweed, started the craze.

Where to satisfy the craving: Vansterdam's street carts lit the fuse on this foodie frenzy-starter but their first restaurant location at 530 Robson St. offers a more expansive menu. They've also got a Manhattan outpost.

BonChon

Buffalo's stranglehold on the mantle of best chicken wings in the world appears to be slipping as this Busan South Korea export continues to sizzle. They utilize an Asian frying technique that calls for a thinner batter and sub blue cheese for soy-garlic.

Where to satisfy the craving: BonChon's crunchy wing joints have sprung up in Thailand and all over the Philippines but there's also five locations in the New York area and another handful in New Jersey.

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Websites like couchsurfing.com and airbnb.com are seeing increased use by travellers anxious to save on their accommodation costs by skipping hotels and bunking in with the locals. If you are eager to make some extra money and wouldn't mind having strangers sleeping in your spare room, here's how to get started.

It costs nothing to sign up but ensure you spend time making your listing enticing to potential guests. Keep your title catchy and concise. Upload quality photos of your space — don't use blurry cellphone snaps. The description of your place should include details on local attractions, the neighbourhood and information on public

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Quick and thorough communication with guests before they arrive is essential. Check out their profiles and reviews on the website to ensure you are comfortable welcoming them to your home. You can always say no, however, make sure you respond one way or another.

Brewers toast new liquor laws

Vancouver.

Microbrewers get a boost as they begin to open lounges

About once a week, Scott Greff walks a block and a half from where he lives in Vancouver's trendy Main Street district, a large glass growler in hand, to a small brewery nestled between an otherwise unremarkable strip of offices, storage bays and auto shops.

Inside the three-month-old tasting room at 33 Acres Brewing Co., Greff can fill up his growler with about two litres of any of the microbrewery's three different varieties (his favourite is 33 Acres of Life, a hybrid between a lager and ale). If he isn't in a hurry, he can grab a glass of beer to stay, like he did on this recent fall evening.

Even on a weeknight, the brewery is teeming with people, either saddled up to the bar or huddled around several tables in a sparsely decorated white-coloured tasting room that has an almost rustic cafe-



Pints at the 33 Acres Brewing Co. tasting lounge in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

teria feel. Outside, a popular food truck sells fish tacos, leaving an aroma of hops and salsa hanging in the air.

There are countless bars and restaurants just a few blocks away, but instead, Greff is here, sipping on a beer that was brewed in a production room on the other side of the taps. "It's a lot more casual," says Greff. "It's between a coffee shop and a pub. ... And I love the idea of a growler ... getting it to go."

33 Acres is one of a growing number of microbreweries and

distilleries that have opened up in recent years as Vancouver undergoes something of a craft beer renaissance, with more than a dozen operations either open or expected to open soon, largely sprinkled throughout the rapidly gentrifying industrial areas that skirt the city's downtown core.

And the city's breweries — not to mention craft beer aficionados — are about to receive a boost, thanks to new liquor laws that will allow them to open full-scale lounges, serving more of their own products on

site. Up until this year, provincial and municipal liquor laws allowed breweries and distilleries to operate scaled-down tasting rooms that allowed customers to give products a try. They could give away all the free samples they wanted, but could legally only sell each customer a single 12-ounce glass before cutting them off.

This past spring, the B.C. government updated its legislation to allow so-called tasting lounges, effectively lifting the 12-ounce cap. The City of Vancouver, which finalized its updated bylaws in July, says it expects to eventually hand out at least 15 tasting lounge licences to local breweries and distillers.

Josh Michnik, one of the owners of 33 Acres, says there's something special about getting the beer directly from the people who make it.

"I think it's going that way in multiple industries, not just craft brewing, but also local foods and local craft distilleries — local everything," he says.

"If people can get their products made by their neighbour, why wouldn't you?"

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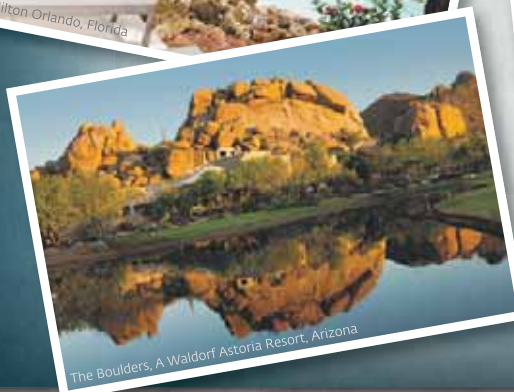
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Salmon with Mango Salsa evokes summer

Salmon with Mango, Black Bean and Corn Salsa



This recipe serves four. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)



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1. To make the salsa: In a nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray, cook the corn on medium-high heat for 8 minutes or just until the corn is dry and beginning to brown. Place it in a serving

dish. Stir in the remaining salsa ingredients.

2. In a nonstick grill pan sprayed with cooking spray, grill the salmon on medium-high heat for 5 minutes per side or just until medium done (10 minutes per inch/2.5 cm of fish thickness). Serve the salsa otop of the fish.

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Ingredients

Salsa

- 1/2 cup corn
- 1/2 cup diced mango
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/4 cup diced red bell peppers
- 1/4 cup diced sweet onions
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

Fish

- 1 tsp fresh lime or lemon juice
- 1 tsp liquid honey
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets

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Dress your roasted Brussels sprouts with Gruyère cheese, pumpkin seeds and dates and enjoy the sweet, cheesy, caramelized deliciousness.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. Spread the Brussels sprouts on a rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the olive oil and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Roast for 30 to 40 minutes, or until tender and well browned. Sprinkle with the shredded cheese and return to the oven

for 10 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with the pumpkin seeds and dates.

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Ingredients

- 2 lbs Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
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How to mind your manners and make up for lost time when you've missed a post-secondary class

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During any semester, you will inevitably miss a class or two — hopefully not more!

The way you deal with missing your classes will speak to your character as a student, as well as impact your final grade in many of your classes, either directly or indirectly.

Here is my advice to make sure those days you just can't make it don't result in not making the grade.

Before you talk to your professor

Read the syllabus

Remember that document that your professor went over during the first class while you were only half-listening? Yep.

That's where you'll find the professor's policy on missed classes, as well as how it might impact your grade. It will also have an outline of what was going on during the class that you missed.

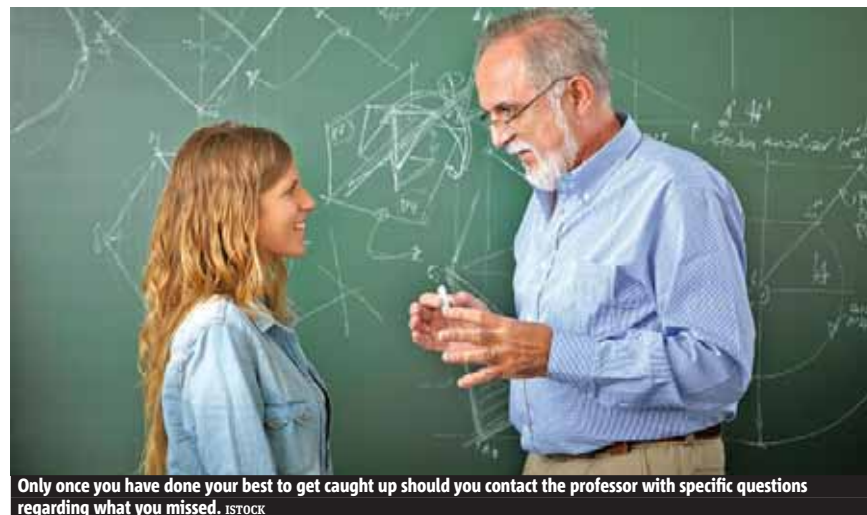
So, make sure to check the syllabus when your alarm simply didn't go off or you have that trusty case of "food poisoning."

Ask around

After dutifully checking the syllabus, move on to checking whatever learning management system your professor and school use, like Blackboard, Canvas or Moodle.

Often, professors will post the homework or class notes there, to be accessed by all members of your class.

Next, talk to classmates and



Only once you have done your best to get caught up should you contact the professor with specific questions regarding what you missed. ISTOCK

get the notes from class or discuss what happened while you were out.

Get any paperwork

Often, your reason for missing class will be legitimate, but be sure you can provide proper documentation.

Your professors have seen it before: After a suspicious number of grandparents "die" right around the time when major assignments are due, they know to ask for documents to support why you missed class.

This means anything from an official notice from the university excusing your absence to a filed police report or insurance claim from a fender-bender that caused your to miss school.

When you talk to your professor

Don't ask "did I miss anything important?"

The short answer here is that of course you missed something important. It might not seem like it, but a typical 15-week, three-hours-per-week course is not a lot of time, and professors design their courses to maximize the learning that can take place.

Don't ask "could you tell me

everything that I missed?"

As a student, you missed class, and therefore it is your responsibility to do everything in your power to find out what you missed before asking the professor. Many professors hold class without lectures and prefer to engage in class discussion or in-class work. An email that requires that a professor rehash the class for you will not endear you to them — and it probably won't happen.

Don't ask "is it okay if I miss class for _____ reason?"

Sometimes, you will know in advance that you will need to miss class — that happens. Asking if you can miss class if

you're already going to miss it anyway won't endear you to any professor because it won't make a bit of difference if he or she says no. If you have a legitimate excuse, then it doesn't matter what the professor says. If you do not have a legitimate excuse, asking permission uses up the time and resources of your professor without reason.

Don't overshare

There is no need for a blow-by-blow account of your gallbladder surgery or the intimate details of your family dynamics that are keeping you from attending class. Keep your reasons simple and on a need-to-know basis.

Reach out to teach

Here's a sample email to send to your professor when you miss a class:

- Dear Professor So-and-So: I am in your [insert class name and time] and I will be missing this [day of the week]'s class on [insert topic here — it will say in the syllabus]. I will have proper documentation from the university that I can show you during the following class OR I understand that

this will impact my grade in [insert consequence — again, it will be in the syllabus]. I have already spoken with [name of classmate] about getting his notes, and I will be sure to do the reading/homework as well. I will also come and talk to you during your office hours about any specific questions about the content of the reading or homework. Thank you, [your name]



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Regardless of your industry of choice, chances are there's a career fair that matches your interests.

Attending a career fair can be a good way to complement your online research and networking and there's no harm in showing up when employers are coming to meet individuals just like you.

Where do I find out about these fairs?

On campus: If you're a student, you're in luck! Campus recruiters visit career fairs to hire students like yourself. Check your career centre's website, online calendar or visit their office at the beginning of the term.

Community listings: Community job fairs happen all year. Check city or community event listings online. Keep a lookout for industry or company specific job fairs in your area as well. A quick search can reveal wonders.

Step right up!

Ask the right questions and network

- Engage in a conversation and be brief. Be clear about your goals and what you're looking for.
- Ask questions about the positions, requirements and the representative's experiences with the company. If your goals are unclear, that's fine too. Think of the event as an opportunity to gather ideas about your future.

Planning ahead

Think about it like a marketing campaign. What's your purpose? What kind of job or company are you looking for? What are you trying to learn? Having a purpose will guide your visit.

The first thing you should look for is an online employer listing. Knowing which companies will attend can determine if a particular fair is worth your time. Some fairs might include an online floor plan, company descriptions or available positions.

What do I bring?

Resumés/cover letters: Bring a few copies in a small folder or bag. Your community employment centres and campus career centres can help edit your

resumés through appointments or workshops.

References: Keep your references tucked away with your resumé and cover letters. On the spot interviews can happen anytime or company reps might scan your resumé and ask for references.

Notepad/notebook/tablet: Have tools for jotting notes, contact information and helpful details.

Pen: Make sure you have one that works.

Business cards: It's a great way to give out your contact information in quick meeting settings.

What do I wear?

Most career and job fairs have a business casual dress code. You want to make a good impression, but don't overdo it. Contact the organizer or look at past event photos if you aren't sure what the proper dress code is.

Listen

Make sure you put yourself out there, but don't talk more than you listen. The employer might answer questions before you ask them. Other people may ask questions that the representative will answer on the spot. Let other people ask the common questions and save your energy for engaging conversation.

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What questions may come: Curiosity pays at the career booth

May I ask you something?

Here are five questions that can help you learn more about a company and even create a connection with a company rep.

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When you're attending a career fair, it's a good idea to have some questions to ask company representatives.

Before deciding what you want to ask a company rep, always make sure you have a good reason for asking the question.

Consider this list a start-

Flip the focus

"Company reps are constantly inundated with questions about jobs and company culture, but candidates rarely ask them about their personal relationship with the company. By turning the conversation around, you'll give the rep a chance to share their personal opinion — and you'll stand out by doing so."

ing point, as your individual circumstances will influence many of the questions you'll want to ask.

What's your corporate culture like?

Corporate culture includes workplace clubs, teams and events as well as the work environment itself.

Ask the rep what the most popular initiatives are at their company.

If these activities sound

interesting to you, then you may have just identified a promising future career opportunity.

If there's something about a potential employer's workplace environment that you can't accept, you can remove them from your radar and focus on more appropriate options.

What qualities or skills would the ideal candidate for this role possess?

It's often difficult to figure out what a company is looking for in their ideal candidate.

Asking a company rep this question can help you determine if you're a qualified candidate for the role. If you have the relevant skills and experience, you can use this question as an opportunity to mention why you'd be a good candidate.

What career development and advancement opportunities exist at your company?

Finding the right job in your field also means finding the right opportunities to learn and grow.

An employer with a demonstrated commitment to professional development will be eager to help you

identify the growth opportunities that match your prospective career path.

Do your company policies accommodate _____?

Many career-seekers have personal factors that lead them to prefer a particular type of employment schedule.

By finding out if a company will accommodate your preferences or needs, you can determine if it is the right kind of place for you to build a future.

Figure out if there are common workplace accommodations with regards to flex-time, vacations, continuing education or professional development that are of particular interest to you, as well as any accommodations you may require for personal reasons.

Why are you most proud of working for this company?

Company reps are constantly inundated with questions about jobs and company culture, but candidates rarely ask them about their personal relationship with the company.

By turning the conversation around, you'll give the rep a chance to share their personal opinion — and you'll stand out by doing so.

If you have a strong connection with the rep's reply, you can use that dialogue as a springboard to further conversation and rapport with them.

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Mr. CFO, it's time to tear down this wall!

Open-concept offices.

Would a workplace free of dividers help your team develop a stronger sense of community?

The next generation of employees might not find it conducive for their work if they set up shop in a gloomy, no-frills environment — not when they can work in a space that is esthetically pleasing.

Vito Rezza, CFO for IPG Mediabrand, says their old Toronto office, which housed a couple hundred employees for the global company, was more like the former.

"It was really ugly. Just a small dingy office."

When the company decided to redesign and renovate the space, Rezza knew it was time for something different. The result was a completely open-concept space without any private offices.

Metro talks to Rezza — one of the driving forces behind this office strategy — about the effects the new space has on the office.

Why did you decide to open up the office like this?

We had grown from about 150 to 220 people in the span of three years. So we said, "We are growing and it's time to create the kind of space representative of who we are — with the ability to share ideas and promote creativity."

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Vito Rezza, the CFO for IPG Mediabrand, poses in the new office designed by figure3 in Toronto. Other employees are seen just beyond Rezza's open-concept workspace. FIGURE3 INTERIOR DESIGN

our meetings with them our CEO said, "I think we need to lose it." I said, "Lose what?" He said, "The walls and our offices, the three private offices." I thought about it and it was a compelling idea.

What effect does this have on you and the employees?

When people first saw the floor plan, there was some trepidation. Some people had 20 to 30 years working in an office, and now they had to downsize. Afterwards we waited weeks for people to complain and not much came.

We've all had to learn to work a bit differently, but the trade off has been a more collaborative environment. People see each other more now. Employees from different departments — from finance to research — know each other personally. It's easier to find people, easier

to approach people at their desks. There are still areas in the office for private work if you need to focus more.

For me, there were concerns because I deal with sensitive financial information and other private matters. But I decided I had to lead by example. It's been a great experience for me. People say, "Wow you're the CFO and you sit in the middle of the space." It's different and unexpected.

Could this office strategy work at other companies?

I think any organization with the right leadership — and employees that can think a little differently — can do this. This is for a whole new generation of people entering the workforce. They don't need offices, but a cool interesting space that helps them thrive as creative individuals. **METRO**



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SAVING MONEY IS A GROUP EFFORT

When it comes to taking control of your relationship with money, Canadians may want to start with other important relationships — your family and friends.

Every Dollar Counts, a recent consumer trends survey conducted by Credit Canada Debt Solutions and Capital One Canada for Financial Literacy Month, found Canadians' spending habits are heavily influenced by the people around them and it's hurting their ability to reach their personal financial goals.

Peer pressure can wreak havoc on budgeting, with 44 per cent of Canadians saying friends press them to spend more than they can afford when going out. After the bill arrives, 22 per cent say they typically end up paying more than their fair share, while six per cent admit they regularly do not contribute enough.

According to the study, it's acceptable to avoid social situations that can put you in an awkward financial position without any social stigma. An overwhelming majority of Canadians (92 per cent) say there are acceptable excuses to be cheap, led by paying off debt (77 per cent), saving for a home (55 per cent) and saving for a child's education (50 per cent).

"As we celebrate the start of Financial Literacy Month, the lesson is clear — getting your personal finances in order is a group effort," says Laurie Campbell, CEO of Credit Canada Debt Solutions. "Family and friends need to fully understand your objectives so that they can help you achieve your financial goals. There is no shame in taking control of your money."



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The most acceptable areas to cut back spending include groceries (82 per cent), going out with friends (81 per cent), buying gifts (71 per cent) and planning your wedding (70 per cent). Interestingly, 76

per cent of women are willing to cut back on wedding plans compared with 63 per cent of men.

Family also plays a major role in determining if Canadians can stay on top

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Credit Canada Debt Solutions and Capital One Canada offer the following tips for financial success:

- Share your financial goals with family and friends so they can help you stay on track.
- Write your financial goals down and keep a log of your progress.
- Reward yourself when you make smart financial decisions that will help you reach your goal.
- Identify your personal money vices and develop a budget that will help you cut back.
- Organize plans with friends that don't involve spending money.
- Shop smart and look for ways to make every dollar count.

of their spending and transparent communication is definitely key. Although 82 per cent of Canadians in relationships say they speak openly and honestly with their partners about money, one-third say their other half's spending habits have hurt them in achieving financial goals.

"We're always listening to consumers to find out what we can do to help people stay in control of their money," says Rob Livingston, president, Capital One Canada. "These insights into Canadians' spending habits prove nothing beats having a strong network of family and friends for support to stay on track."

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Lions quarterback Travis Lulay pauses while speaking to reporters as players gathered for an end-of-season meeting in Surrey Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Off-season surgery an option for Lulay

CFL. Lions' star QB made his first start since Sept. 15 in a loss to Roughriders in West Division semifinal



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For the second consecutive year, members of the B.C. Lions were forced to clean out their lockers weeks ahead of when they had originally

planned.

The Lions concluded their 2013 season, and the 60th in franchise history, with a loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the West semifinal on Sunday.

Players and coaches gathered at the team's Surrey practice facility on Tuesday for meetings, media availability and locker clean out.

Travis Lulay was at the epicentre of curiosity.

If he was still suffering any ill effects of an injured throwing shoulder, he didn't show it Sunday.

The Lions star quarterback led an efficient offence through three quarters, before the Roughriders took over on both sides of the football in the fourth quarter, prompting a comeback and ultimately a B.C. loss.

Lulay, despite the cold of Regina, was able to throw the ball with zip, take hits and run without fear in what was his first start since Sept. 15, when he suffered a subluxation, or a partial dislocation, of his right shoulder.

"I felt very confident going in," Lulay told reporters.

"I wasn't doing anything crazy or special but I did feel like my eyes felt good, I threw the ball well considering the cold, so I expected to play well."

The injury forced the Lions to shut Lulay down for six games. Back in September, off-season shoulder surgery had not been ruled out.

It seems surgery is still a possibility.

"I mean, (a) decision needs to be made in the next few weeks, so time to revisit that again now that we're at the end of the year," he said.

NHL

Canucks recall Booth, reassign Archibald

His conditioning stint is over. David Booth is back with the Vancouver Canucks.

The Canucks announced on Tuesday that they recalled the oft-injured winger from the Utica Comets of the American Hockey League, eight days after sending him down to the minors.

In three games with the Comets, Booth had one assist. He also had six shots on goal.

Booth's assignment to Utica last Monday came just a few hours after he skated with his Vancouver teammates prior to their departure to begin a four-game road trip through Arizona and California.

He had previously missed the last four games with a suspected groin injury.

With Booth recalled, the Canucks reassigned Darren Archibald back to Utica.

Injuries have played a part in Booth's offensive struggles of late. The 28-year-old winger has scored only twice in his last 23 NHL games over the past two seasons, although his lockout-shortened campaign was cut even shorter due to a groin injury suffered in camp and then an ankle injury in his 12th game.

"I know it's there and I know I can be better than that. I really believe that," said Booth, who has a cap hit of \$4.25 million per season, last Monday.

The Canucks open a six-game homestand Thursday against the San Jose Sharks. **CAM TUCKER/METRO**

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Good run, but Sedins-Kesler line now passé



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No one will ever accuse me of being a fashionista, but at least I know what doesn't work. And for me that means avoiding anything trendy. For my money, classic is the way to go.

You see, the thing about a trend is that it doesn't take long for it to turn into faux pas. I liken it to a coach who meticulously mixes his lines. Sure, he may hit upon a cool combination, but more than likely it's going to go out of style soon.

So when John Tortorella started peacocking the Sedins-Kesler line in mid-October, it wasn't surprising to see it catch on and become all the rage in Vancouver. It was cool to see the big three play together and turn into the NHL's most dominating line over a two-week stretch.

Well, it didn't take long for that fad to fall out of vogue. After scoring 10 goals and putting up 23 points in the first seven games together, the trio had only one goal and four points on the Canucks' recent four-game Western road trip, and has just three goals and nine points in the past six games. By the third period of Sunday's 3-1 loss to the Anaheim Ducks, the line had been split up.



From left, Daniel Sedin, Henrik Sedin and Ryan Kesler during the Canucks' game against the Coyotes on Nov. 5. After a hot start together, the trio has just three goals and nine points in the past six games. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Let's hope it stays that way. Like the guy who still thinks it's cool to rock brown shoes with a black suit, Tortorella needs to admit that this trend has had its day.

The objection to keeping the Sedins and Kesler together isn't about their recent lack of production or increased ice time. The three are too talented not to click again, and as professional athletes they should be able to put in a 20- to 25-minute max-effort workout over a two-and-a-half- to three-hour period.

The problem with the Canucks showcasing their three best looks on the same line is that they make every-

thing else upfront look less snazzy. Mike Santorelli, Vancouver's feel-good story so far, isn't second-line centre material. And Alexandre Burrows, David Booth and Zack Kassian aren't going to find their games on their own. They need guys who can feed them the puck — that is, they need to play with Henrik Sedin and Kesler.

Barring a trade for a No. 2 centre, the Canucks are best served going with their classic look: the Sedins paired on the top line and Kesler centring the second unit. That's what got them to the Stanley Cup final in 2011 and that's their only chance of getting there again.

San Jose-Calgary

Stuart an overtime hero for Sharks

Brad Stuart scored 1:13 into overtime to give the San

Jose Sharks a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday.

Stuart joined the rush and broke for the net and had Joe Thornton's shot deflect off him and past Reto

Berra for the winner.

The Sharks (11-2-5) snapped a five-game winless skid, while the Flames (6-9-3) are winless in their last four.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	18	13	5	0	56	43	26
Boston	17	11	5	1	48	30	23
Detroit	19	9	5	5	47	51	23
Toronto	17	11	6	0	51	40	22
Montreal	19	9	8	2	49	42	20
Ottawa	18	7	7	4	53	56	18
Florida	19	4	11	4	40	66	12
Buffalo	20	4	15	1	36	63	9

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	50	40	22
Washington	19	10	8	1	61	55	21
NY Rangers	18	9	9	0	41	49	18
Carolina	18	7	7	4	34	49	18
New Jersey	18	6	7	5	38	46	17
NY Islanders	19	7	9	3	54	61	17
Philadelphia	17	6	10	1	31	44	13
Columbus	17	6	10	1	44	50	13

Tuesday's results

Tampa Bay 2 Montreal 1 (SO)
Winnipeg 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
San Jose 3 Calgary 2 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Ottawa 0
Florida 3 Anaheim 2
Carolina 2 Colorado 1
Phoenix 3 St. Louis 2 (OT)
NY Islanders 3 Nashville 1
New Jersey 3 NY Rangers 2
Washington 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Buffalo 3 Los Angeles 2 (SO)

Monday's result

Boston 3 Tampa Bay 0

Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	17	14	3	0	55	30	28
Chicago	18	12	2	4	66	49	28
St. Louis	16	11	2	3	54	37	25
Minnesota	18	10	4	4	48	40	24
Winnipeg	20	9	9	2	53	57	20
Dallas	17	8	7	2	46	52	18
Nashville	18	8	8	2	38	57	18

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	20	15	4	1	68	48	31
Phoenix	19	13	4	2	63	58	28
San Jose	18	11	2	5	66	43	27
Vancouver	20	11	7	2	54	54	24
Los Angeles	18	11	6	1	52	44	23
Calgary	18	6	9	3	49	64	15
Edmonton	19	4	13	2	48	75	10

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Thursday's games

Los Angeles at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

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Sunday, Nov. 24

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Sunday's games — All times Eastern

Hamilton vs. Toronto, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

GREY CUP

At Regina, Saskatchewan

Sunday, Nov. 24

East champion vs. West champion, 6 p.m.

NFL

Monday's result

Tampa Bay 22 Miami 19

WEEK 11

Thursday's game — All times Eastern

Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday's games

Baltimore at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18
New England at Carolina, 8:40 p.m.

NBA

Tuesday's results

Miami 118 Milwaukee 95
Dallas 105 Washington 95
Detroit at Golden State
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers

Monday's results

San Antonio 109 Philadelphia 85
Indiana 95 Memphis 79
Atlanta 103 Charlotte 94
Boston 120 Orlando 105
Houston 110 Toronto 104 (2OT)
Chicago 96 Cleveland 81
Denver 100 Utah 81
Portland 109 Detroit 103
L.A. Clippers 109 Minnesota 107
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
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2014 Toyota Corolla



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Review. It's looking like an early Christmas for Toyota fans

MALCOLM GUNN
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For a small car, the Corolla has some big numbers to tout. Like the fact that in 47 years, Toyota has sold more than 40 million of them and currently operates 16 factories worldwide that supply Corollas to 154 countries.

The all-new 11th-generation North American sedan comes on strong with style — especially from the windshield forward — that its broad base of customers are not used to seeing. Nothing too radical, mind you, but just enough design drama to cause some politely muffled oohs and ahs (see above right).

The distance between the front and rear wheels has increased by a whop-

ping 10 centimetres, rivaling the current segment space champ Dodge Dart. Note that both the Dart and Corolla are virtually dead-heat-even for interior volume and could almost pass for mid-sizers. The added space between the wheels improves front and rear legroom slightly, which is welcome in any small car. Interior styling has improved, but in a conservative way that differs from the Corolla's more daring competitors. Still, the clearly marked gauges and switches are logically placed and easy to decipher.

It's only when you check under the hood that a sense of déjà vu really kicks in. A 132-horsepower four-cylinder carries over from the previous generation. It's connected to a six-speed manual transmission for the base CE and sporty S models. A four-speed automatic transmission is optional for the L, while a new continuously variable unit (CVT) is optional for the S, but standard on the

LE and LE Eco.

To reduce that "rubber-band" slippage sensation that's common to many CVTs (including Toyota's Prius hybrids), engineers dialed in seven artificial shift points. These function automatically to simulate the action of a regular automatic transmission. With the S model, they can be manually controlled using steering-wheel-mounted paddles. Aside from using a more efficient engine with special variable valve timing, the ECO's figures are achieved with the help of underbody panels that improve the car's aerodynamics to reduce highway-speed fuel consumption.

The starting-point Corolla CE, which carries a \$17,600 base price, has a split-folding rear seat, power windows and locks plus a basic four-speaker audio system. The LE/LE Eco trims include air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels (15-inch steelies are on the CE).

You also get a backup

2014 Toyota Corolla	
• Type.	Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
• Engines (hp).	1.8-litre DOHC I4 (132/140)
• Transmissions.	Six-speed manual and four-speed automatic (depending on model)

Compare	
	1 Honda Civic Base price: \$17,000
	2 Dodge Dart Base price: \$17,700

Design	
The front end is certainly a lot more aggressively defined with its enlarged lower air intake and inset bumper. The side intakes seem a bit oversized, but the total effect is quite appealing. Along with its mostly new shape, the Corolla's more rigid platform supports a body that's a few ticks longer and wider.	

camera, remote keyless entry, heated front seats (power-adjustable for the driver), touch-screen display with voice recognition and Bluetooth wireless connectivity. Opting for the S brings with it a blacked-out grille, 17-inch wheels, heated outside mirrors and additional instrumentation with customizable settings.

A navigation system, power moonroof and push-button start head the list of options, along with a start/stop system that shuts off the engine for short per-

iods, such as at stoplights or in stop-and-go traffic. This, of course, saves fuel.

Despite its generally more athletic appearance, the Corolla is still a sensible people transporter that carries with it a reputation for reliability and quality that's the envy of the industry. You'll need to check elsewhere for a budget-based pocket rocket, but joining the millions of contented Corolla owners around the world will at least put you in solid company.

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This Mercedes just gets better with age

Autoknow. Over time, base models nearly always improve. So do you really need anything more than an SLK? Let's find out.

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There's a backlit icon of a simmering coffee cup on the SLK's control panel.

Could it be this particular well-optioned roadster comes with its own coffee maker? Perhaps the symbol flashes intermittently whenever a Starbucks comes into view? At first blush, it's impossible to say, since the owner's manual, a critical tome considering SLK's techno-laden content, was nowhere to be seen.

"They're frequently missing after the cars are returned, so we keep them here in the office," explained a Mercedes-Benz press-fleet overseer.

Fortunately, an experienced Mercedes-Benz brand hand came to the rescue, appropriately enough while parked outside of a Starbucks.

After admiring the SLK from top to bottom, he spied the tiny cup-and-saucer symbol and explained that it denotes "Attention Assist," which is a safety feature that's programmed to sense certain driving behaviours associated with fatigue and issues both visual and audible warnings for the driver to take a break.

The smell of fresh-brewed dark roast wafting out from the air vents could probably work just as well.

Attention Assist is a fine idea, but it's hard to imagine anyone nodding off in what

is one of the more exciting M-B models on the market and the best SLK that the German automaker has devised to date.

The SLK has steadily evolved since its 1997-model-year North American debut. The current generation now looks less like an inaccurate representation of its larger SL-class relation and, at least from the front, now resembles its twin. Both cars feature nearly identical upright grilles, headlight pods and extended hoods, along with similar retractable hard-shell roofs. Of course, what they don't even come close to sharing is their respective price tags; the \$54,300 base SLK is offered at about one-half the wallet hit of the SL.

Of course the SLK lacks the SL550's 429-horsepower twin-turbo V8. In fact, the base four-cylinder SLK250 comes with a 201-horsepower four-cylinder. This matte-grey SLK350, however, has a 302-horsepower V6 and accompanying seven-speed automatic transmission.

Mercedes-Benz pegs the roadster's zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) time at 5.4 seconds, which is only about a second off the pace of the SL. However that time is more than a second quicker than the base SLK250. Nice. The warp-factor model of the triumvirate is the SLK55 AMG that receives the full aero kit treatment, unique nosepiece and fancier wheels. It also sends its power to the pavement using a 415-horsepower 5.5-litre V8 and earns a 4.5-second zero-to-60-m.p.h. time.

Within the SLK range, though, the 350 has a certain just-right feel. Around town, the V6 operates in a docile fashion, but can quickly flex its muscles when a squirt of passing thrust is summoned, or when attacking a freeway



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The 350's just-right feel

Within the SLK range, though, the 350 has a certain just-right feel. Around town, the V6 operates in a docile fashion, but can quickly flex its muscles when a squirt of passing thrust is summoned, or when attacking a freeway on-ramp.

on-ramp. The engine instantly clears its throat and delivers a distinctive and dignified growl, while the seven-speed automatic imperceptibly kicks down into the appropriate gear. The SLK makes the entire process seem so easy, which really enhances driving confidence. New for 2014, the SLK350 and SLK55 AMG are equipped with stop-start. Whenever the car stops with the brake pedal depressed, the engine shuts off to save fuel. When the accelerator is touched, the engine fires back up.

The best feature of the SLK is the open-air experience. To make a convertible out of a coupe, the trunk lid pivots rearward while the hard tonneau cover flips upward and the two-piece roof stacks into its containment spot, followed by the trunk lid resuming its original position.

The whole lowering/raising sideshow consumes about 20 seconds. The test model was equipped with the available Magic Sky Control, consisting of a glass roof panel that changes to opaque from clear with the flip of a switch.

Also included is constantly adjusting shock-damping control and a faster-acting Direct-Steer system that reduces by 25 per cent the number of lock-to-lock steering wheel turns.

About the only item of concern was the car's matte-finish Designo Glacier Grey colour scheme. The idea of an as-tested \$70,000 Mercedes wearing what amounts to a really dull paint job might seem truly bizarre to some people, almost as if the car is in primer and awaiting a real top coat. It also carries a sternly worded missive warning of dire consequences should the finish ever be polished.

The SLK test stretched into a week of mostly sunny skies and light Pacific Ocean-scented breezes on Vancouver Island. In other words, perfect sports-car weather in a part of the world that attracts plenty of them.

And likely not one of their



A bird's eye view.

grinning drivers, including one SLK350 pilot in particular, required a cup-and-saucer advisory to keep the adrenaline flowing.

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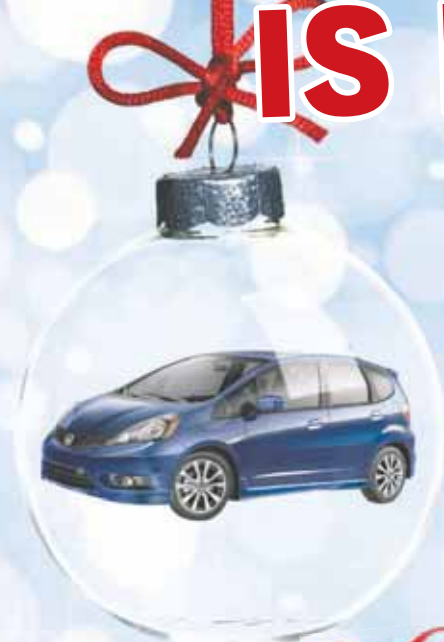
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Tray cool car servers



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in Canada. Diesel engines are more efficient and get better fuel economy, and as a result, have longer range on a tank than gasoline engines.

However, to meet strict North American emission standards, they require some extra exhaust treatment. Automakers use a Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system. This includes the use of diesel exhaust fluid, or DEF, a pre-mixed solution of urea mixed with water, and sold under brand names such as AdBlue.

"By the nature of their combustion process, diesel engines put out different emissions than gasoline engines," says Thomas Tetzlaff, public relations manager for Volkswagen Canada. "Injecting very minute quantities of urea cleans up the nitrates in the exhaust and allows us to reach emissions levels that were previously impossible in a diesel car. All our diesels are certified in all U.S. states, including California, which has the strictest laws on the planet."

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or under the hood, depending on the vehicle and the manufacturer. It's automatically dispensed into the exhaust system as needed.

Although it's easy for drivers to add their own fluid, manufacturers size the reservoir so it will generally need filling at the same time the car is due for its scheduled maintenance, so the dealer can top it up at that time. "We have a large-capacity tank located in one of the fenders," Tetzlaff says. "It's filled up mostly once a year, and it's

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"Remember, this is a rubber roof. When the hail hits it, the hail literally bounces off."

And for those who have too many images in their minds of cracked and dried out tires lying in the gutters to think a roof made of old tires is going to work, Eberle reminds us that the degradation you see in old tires has come about because it has weakened around the fibres and cords that enabled it to be a tire in the first place. These products are not tires.

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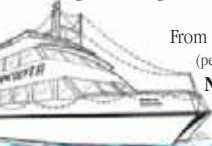


The tires arrive to Euroshield in crumb form. BOTH IMAGES EUROSIELD

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March 21 - April 20

What looks so confusing now will look a lot easier by the end of the week, so don't worry if you cannot make sense of events. That applies especially to money matters and business issues.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Activity in your opposite sign of Scorpio will bring you up against someone who is like you in personality but has different views on how things should be done. Sparks may fly but you can work together.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Be wary of people who arrive bearing gifts. With Neptune, planet of illusion, strong in your chart, you should consider the possibility that they are hoping to trick you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The next few days will be good but why settle for good when they could be great? Define your goals and avoid activities that are wasteful of your time and energy — no matter how fun they are.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may think if you don't act quickly you will miss the boat but it isn't true and what occurs over the next 24 hours will encourage you to calm down and slow down.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You cannot cure the world of its woes, but you can help people on a one-to-one basis. Whatever else you do or don't do today, aim to be a good example. Yes, it's enough.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It may feel as if the fun is almost over, but it isn't true. Yes, you will have to get serious about work issues today and tomorrow but you will also have time to enjoy yourself.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun in your sign continues to fill you with energy and you should be using it to bring creative ideas to life. What looked impossible yesterday will look the easiest thing in the world today. Go for it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A week and a bit from now the Sun will move into your birth sign and your mood will lighten, but today you are likely to be overly sensitive about everything. Keep your emotions in check.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The pace of life will pick up today, so hold on and enjoy the ride. If you get the chance to participate in some kind of social event do so, even if it means extra work.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are right to be pleased by the things you've accomplished but there is a lot more you can do, so don't start winding down yet. A new opportunity will come your way over the next few days.

Pisces

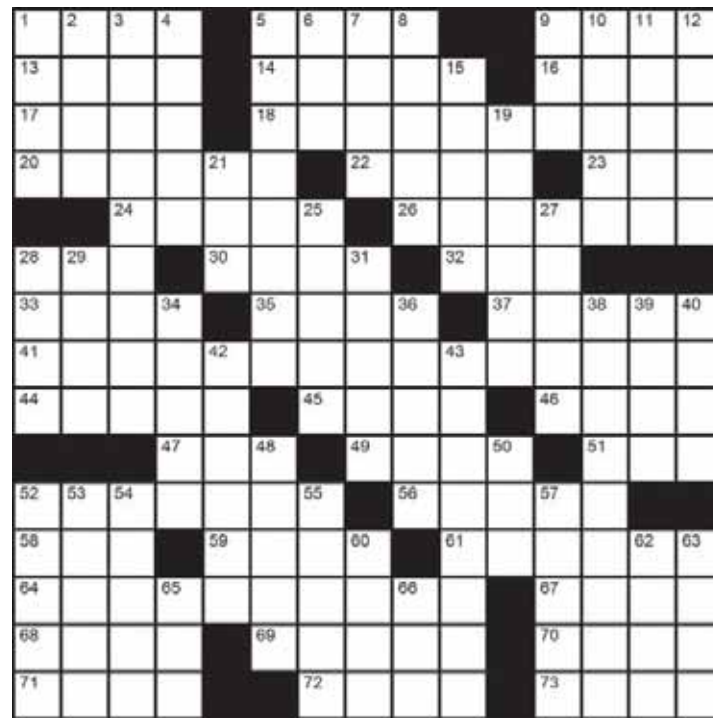
Feb. 20 - March 20

Neptune, your ruler, ends its retrograde phase today, which suggests you may change your mind about what you consider important. Try not to be too idealistic. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Var. weights
5. Small rum cake
9. Nero's 1151
13. Fashion's ___-chic
14. Classic joke: "Waiter! There's ___ in my soup..."
16. ___ Ed. (Gym class)
17. Dangle
18. Suit part: 2 wds.
20. CTV's interactive daily talk show, "The ___"
22. Fawn
23. Ms. Vardalos
24. "Mad Men" gig
26. Jennifer Stoddart, ___ Commissioner of Canada
28. Horiz.
30. TV fuzzi
32. "Cold Mountain" (2003) role
33. Feet finials
35. Podium
37. ___ (Online appointment, say)
41. Views from ships approaching Newfoundland: 2 wds.
44. Von Trapps daughter
45. Italia's capital
46. ER doctor's 'Now!'
47. ___ tree
49. Terrier's coat texture
51. Pro golfer Ernie
52. The Band's 1968 debut album: 'Music from ___'
56. Beatles surname
58. Yoko's surname



71. Gaelic
 72. Chess men, for short
 73. Microscope piece
- Down**
1. 'For 1' and 'For 2', e.g., in restaurants
 2. "___ that Shakespearean Rag / It's so elegant / So intelligent." - T.S. Eliot

3. Wayne Gretzky's spanned 20 seasons.: 2 wds.
4. Dependable
5. Alberta: Drumheller's terrain
6. Egypt's cont.
7. Was cut, did this
8. Fabled fellow
9. Speedometer meas.
10. The Great Wall of ___
11. Song segment
12. "Should ___ or should..." - The Clash
15. Stars, in Latin
19. Beer mug, fancy-style
21. FM's opposites
25. What flat tires have in them: 2 wds.

27. "Quo ___?" (Latin: Where are you going?)
28. Canadian director Mr. Egoyan
29. -Cola's partner
31. Spouseless she-spouse
34. Took notice: 2 wds.
36. 18-wheelers
38. Post-death kingdom, some believe
39. Frying pan, ___
40. Approximations [abbr.]
42. Great hockey Right Winger, Mark ___
43. Gabrielle of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
48. Famous mountains
50. Root vegetable
52. Idaho's capital
53. Acquire
54. Movie-___ (Film attendees)
55. "My Sharona" by The ___
57. Competitor
60. Similar
62. Leo Tolstoy's The Death of ___ Ilych
63. Paddles
65. Flower's friend
66. New newt

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	9	2	1	3	8	5	7	4
4	5	8	7	6	2	9	3	1
1	7	3	4	5	9	8	6	2
2	4	9	6	8	7	3	1	5
5	6	7	9	1	3	2	4	8
8	3	1	5	2	4	6	9	7
3	1	6	8	7	5	4	2	9
9	2	5	3	4	1	7	8	6
7	8	4	2	9	6	1	5	3

				5	7	6		
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				8				
8						2	4	
4	7		2		8		3	1
2	5							9
				1				
		7			4	3		2
	4	3	6					

Today



12°/7°
Partly cloudy

Thursday



9°/6°
Variable

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Check the 14 day trend.

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